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Fellow Veterans:

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to help me by contacting California members of Congress to encourage them to join Congressmen Jerry Kleczka (WI) and Wally Herger (CA) and become co-sponsors of H.R. 1742, the "Veterans American Dream of Homeownership Act."

This is an issue of great importance to California's veterans. The future of the Cal-Vet Home Loan Program depends on the successful passage of H.R. 1742. The California Department of Veterans Affairs cannot make home loans to all wartime veterans who entered active military duty after December 31, 1976 without a change in federal law. We think this needs to be changed.

Congressmen Herger and Kleczka recently sent letters to all of the California Congressional delegation requesting that they become co-sponsors of H.R. 1742. As of this date, 22 of California's 53 representatives have become co-sponsors. We need all 53.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry R. Jones, Chief of the Farm and Home Purchases Division, at 916.503.8001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Maurice Johannesen", written over a horizontal line.

K. MAURICE JOHANNESSEN
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Enclosure